

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LAHONTAN REGION

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

for

A Resolution Waiving Waste Discharge Requirements  
for Vegetation Management Activities

Regulated by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA),  
and

Authorizing the Lahontan Water Board's Executive Officer to Enter into a Memorandum  
of Understanding with the TRPA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) is considering the adoption of a resolution waiving the filing of a report of waste discharge and waste discharge requirements for discharges associated with vegetation management activities in the Lake Tahoe Region, and authorizing the Water Board's Executive Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Executive Director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). The MOU will designate the TRPA as the lead agency for permitting, review, and enforcement for vegetation management activities in the Lake Tahoe Region, with certain conditions.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project area is the California portion of the Lake Tahoe Region under mutual jurisdiction of the Water Board and the TRPA, and includes lands in El Dorado and Placer Counties, California, which are tributary to Lake Tahoe.

The project area does not contain sites listed under section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites, and the information in the hazardous waste and substances statement required under subsection (f) of that section.

**INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Water Board staff has prepared an Initial Study to determine whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. Through the Initial Study, Water Board staff has determined there is no substantial evidence that such an effect may occur; therefore, the Water Board proposes to certify a Negative Declaration for this project.

The Water Board will consider adopting the resolution, certifying the Negative Declaration, and authorizing the Executive Officer to sign the MOU during a public meeting held on:

**DATE:** October 7-8, 2008

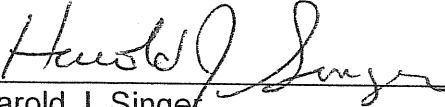
**TIME:** During the Lahontan Water Board's regular meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on October 7, 2008

**PLACE:** The location of the meeting has not been determined at this time. The location information will be available on the Lahontan Water Board's Internet web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan> no less than 10 days before the meeting.

The meeting room will be accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Laurie Applegate at (530) 542-5414 by May 1, 2008. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The public review period for the proposed resolution, MOU and Initial Study will extend from **August 15, 2008 to September 15, 2008**. Written comments or questions on these documents should be directed to the attention of Anne Holden at the address below or via email to [aholden@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:aholden@waterboards.ca.gov).

The proposed MOU is enclosed with this notice. The Initial Study, Negative Declaration and proposed resolution are available on the Lahontan Water Board's Internet web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan>. Paper copies of these documents may be obtained by calling (530) 542-5400, or may be examined and photocopied on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Lahontan Water Board's office, 2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

  
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Harold J. Singer  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

August 14, 2008  
Date

Enclosure